CHANNAGIRI RANGE.

PAPLI BARK.

Auction sale Notification dated 15th November 1916.

It is hereby notified for general information that the exclusive right of collecting papli bark on all Government unoccupied lands, plantations and State Forest from 15th December 1916 to 30th June 1917, in the Channagiri Range, will be sold by public auction by the District Forest Officer or the Range Forest Officer concerned on the 9th December 1916 at the Channagiri Range Office. The auction will commence at 2 P.M.

2. Defaulters on account of leases will not be permitted to bid.

3. No person will be allowed to bid unless he has deposited with the officer holding the sale, a sum of Rs. 20. The deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be returned immediately after the sale.

4. The exclusive right of collecting and removing the produce above described will be disposed of to the highest bidder subject to the confirmation of the District Forest Officer, who at his discretion, may accept or reject the highest or any other bid without assigning any reason thereof.

5. The successful bidder shall, at the close of the sale, credit into the Taluk Treasury one-quarter of the total rental including the deposit already made together with local cess at one anna per rupee. In default, the deposit will be forfeited and the right resold. Such resale will be at the risk of the defaulting purchasers, who will be liable to make good any loss that may result to Government by it, but will not participate in any profit accruing therefrom.

6. If the sale is not confirmed by the District Forest Officer, the amount paid will be refunded to the party.

7. Within ten days of the information of the confirmation of the sale, the accepted bidder shall execute an agreement on a duly stamped paper binding himself to observe the conditions hereunder mentioned. In default, the acceptance of his bid will be revoked, the money already paid forfeited and the right resold. At the same time, he shall deposit in the Government Savings Bank one-quarter of the sale amount as security for the due fulfilment of the conditions of the lease, which will be returned to him after the expiry of the period of lease.

N.B.—The Government will not make any extra demand for lands resigned from occupation and the lessee shall not be entitled to any rebate on account of lands taken up for cultivation during the currency of the lease. Further conditions to be entered in the agreement.

(*a*) To hold himself responsible to prevent the cutting of tender stems under one year by himself, his servants or agents.

(*b*) To furnish a list of sub-contractors and mestris, who may be appointed by him for the collection of the bark.

(*c*) To work out the lease himself and not to transfer or sublet it to others without the previous sanction of the District Forest Officer.

(*d*) The barked wood to be the property of the lessee.

(*e*) To keep accounts showing the quantity of the bark collected and removed in accordance with the lease and to permit the inspection of such accounts by the District Forest Officer or Range Officer or any other officer deputed by either of them.

(*f*) To render every month to the District Forest Officer an account of quantity of the bark collected and carted during the month.

(*g*) To provide printed passes for the export of the bark under his signature for cartload in such form as may be prescribed by the District Forest Officer.

(*h*) The lessee should be held responsible for the occurrence of any fire within the State Forests or plantations, if there is sufficient reason for the Forest Department to think that it has been caused by his negligence or by that of his employees. He must be ready to pay such penalty as may be fixed by the District Forest Officer in all such cases.

(*i*) To remove out of the limit of the district before 31st July 1917, all bark collected and stored under the terms of this lease.

(*j*) In the event of the breach of any of the above conditions, the security amount will be liable to forfeiture in whole or part at the discretion of the District Forest Officer.

Dated 19th November 1916.

A sum of Rs. 20-5-8 due to Timber contractor Sannappa of Sunnagere, Channagiri Taluk, being the amount of refund bill from January 1914 and notice is hereby given that the claimants, if any, should apply to this office for payment before the end of December 1916.

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